

For more information, see the Funding Sources Workshop Announcement in the September 2006 issue of *Loan Interests*, or contact Pat Sullivan at patricia.sullivan@dnr.state.wi.us or 608-266-5742, or Jerry Wilson at gerald.wilson@dnr.state.wi.us or 608-264-8986. ☐



Grants for Runoff and Storm Water Management

Jeanne Cargill

Looking for grant funds to deal with runoff pollution or storm water in your municipality? The Bureau of Community Financial Assistance has two competitive cost-share grant programs that may interest you.

Grant awards for Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management (UNPS) support small-scale, 2-year projects sponsored by local governmental units.

For further information about these grant programs, see the page titled "DNR Grant Programs" in the appendix of this issue of *Loan Interests*. ☐

A Program That Works!

Bob Ramharter

Since 1992 the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP) has processed more than 600 loans, providing over \$2.3 billion to local governments to assist in constructing wastewater treatment facilities. The Department of Administration recently analyzed those

loans and the local governments they served. This analysis revealed that the CWFP has provided funding for facilities that serve 3.4 million Wisconsin residents. Wisconsin's population is about 5.6 million, and 70% of the state's population is served by sewers. That means the CWFP has directly reduced user charge rates for about 61% of Wisconsin's total population and 86% of the state's residents that live in sewered areas. This is a program that works! ☐

Biennial Finance Plan Submitted

Bob Ramharter

DNR and DOA jointly submitted the 2007-2009 Biennial Finance Plan for the Environmental Improvement Fund (EIF) on September 1. This plan, which is required by statute, provides an estimate of the demand for funds for the three EIF financial assistance programs: the Clean Water Fund Program (CWFP), the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP), and the Land Recycling Loan Program (LRLP).

The plan projects a total demand of \$680.6 million for wastewater funds over the biennium. In order to provide this level of funding, we would need \$85.7 million in General Obligation (GO) borrowing authority. This is a very significant need. We will be watching the budget process closely to assess the likelihood that the CWFP will be fully funded.

The SDWLP is funded by federal grants and state match dollars. We will need \$6.1 million in GO authority to provide the state match funds. We expect to have a total of \$40 million available each year for loans.

The LRLP does not require any GO authorization. We expect to have about

Calendar of Events

November 2, 2006
Funding Sources Workshop
8:30 AM Registration
9:00 – 11:30 Presentation
Community Bldg., Fennimore

November 14, 2006
Funding Sources Workshop
8:30 AM Registration
9:00 – 11:30 Presentation
City Hall, Rice Lake

November 15, 2006
Funding Sources Workshop
8:30 AM Registration
9:00 – 11:30 Presentation
WRWA, Plover

November 29, 2006
Funding Sources Workshop
Conf. Registration required
2:00-2:45 Breakout Session
(New) Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

January 2, 2006
DEADLINE - ITAs and PERFs
CWFP, SDWLP, and LRLP

\$9 million available for loans over the biennium.

The Governor will consider the Biennial Finance Plan and incorporate it into the Executive Budget, normally released in January or February. The Legislature will release its version of the budget sometime around June 30. After any gubernatorial vetoes, the Governor signs the budget bill and we then know what our funding levels will be for the biennium. In the interim, we will keep you apprised of the budget deliberations and attempt to inform you of any likely funding shortfalls and how that may impact the application process.

If you have questions regarding the EIF's funding needs, contact Bob Ramharter at (608) 266-3915 or robert.ramharter@dnr.state.wi.us. ☐